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General Assembly
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Informal plenary meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the International Day of Non-Violence, will be held *today*, 2 October 2008 from 9.30 to 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The ceremony will include opening remarks by the President of the General Assembly as well as by the Secretary-General.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa, H.E. Ms. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma; and the External Affairs Minister of India, H.E. Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, will also address the Member States. A letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 26 September 2008 was sent by facsimile to all Permanent Representatives and Observers.

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of October 2008 (China) will hold a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month of October on Friday, 3 October 2008, at 12.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). Delegations can view the Press briefing in Studio 4 located in the First Basement.

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11.15 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Panel: "Role of International Support in establishing efficient transit transport systems to expand trade opportunities for landlocked developing countries"

Remarks by: the President of the General Assembly

Moderator: Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Presentations by:

Mr. Ad Melkert, Associate Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Mr. Danny Leipziger, Vice-President, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank

Mr. Antonio Juan Sosa, Vice-President for Infrastructure, Corporación Andina de Fomento

Mr. Habib Ouane, Director of the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

Mr. Robert Schoellhammer, Deputy Resident Director, North American Representative Office, Asian Development Bank

3–6 p.m. . . . . 18th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation . . . . . [52 (b)]

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General Assembly

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Informal consultations on the agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Main Committees

First Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Organization of work (A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/CRP.1 and A/C.1/63/CRP.2)

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10–11 a.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Organization of work (A/C.4/63/1, A/C.4/63/L.1 and A/C.4/63/INF/1; and Aide-mémoire 1/08[1] (Requests for hearing))

[1] To be distributed at the meeting.

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 239th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Election of the Chairman of the Committee
2. Acceleration of immigration and customs procedures
3. Other matters

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session
2. Human Resources Management

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Executive Board
Fifth session
Second resumed session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal meetings on draft proposals considered by delegations

Thursday, 2 October 2007

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Other meetings

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Thursday, 2 October 2008

2008 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3170B

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3170B

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the administration of justice)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Financing for Development)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the omnibus law of the sea resolution)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (to update Member States of the Commission on the work of the Commission, particularly in establishing transit transport systems and expanding trade opportunities for landlocked developing countries)

1.15–2.15 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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International Criminal Court (informal consultations convened by the Chair of the Oversight Committee on permanent premises)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Other activities

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Thursday, 2 October 2008

DPI/NGO briefing entitled "The 18th annual celebration of the International Day of Older Persons: A call for a Convention on the Rights of Older Persons"

At 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

Briefing by the Minister of State and Special Secretary on Human Rights for Brazil, and UNICEF (on the organization of the World Congress III Against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents)

At 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. César Bonamigo, Permanent Mission of Brazil (tel. 1 (646) 236-6996).]

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October, according to the following schedule:

Today, 2 October 2008, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *Arabic*
Today, 2 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *Chinese*

Friday, 3 October, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *English*
Friday, 3 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *French*
Monday, 6 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Russian*
Tuesday, 7 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Spanish.*

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Thursday, 2 October 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

1.30 p.m. . . . . Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary-General, Special Adviser on Africa and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; Mr. Antonio Juan Sosa, Corporación Andina de Fomento; Mr. Robert Schoellhammer, Asian Development Bank; and Mr. Hachim Koumare, Board of the Sub-Saharan Africa Transport Policy Program (SSATP) (on the high-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action)

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 3 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

High-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 19th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation . . . . . [52 (b)]

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Main Committees

First Committee

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 6, to Tuesday, 14 October 2008. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are requested to kindly contact Mr. Renato Monteiro (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; e-mail monteiror@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time

limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Monday, 6 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to all decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, and the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha Zukang, will address the Committee before the opening of its general debate.

The Committee will also hear a keynote address by Prof. Ricardo Hausmann, Director of Harvard University's Center for International Development and Professor of the Practice of Economic Development at the Kennedy School of Government.

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

General debate

The Third Committee will begin its work on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

Information on the work of the Third Committee is available at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/third/>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail beteta@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 3 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly will be issued as document A/C.5/63/L.1.

The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, will make a statement at the Committee's organizational meeting.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (room S-2633A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth>.

Informal briefings

Informal briefings (closed) will be held as follows:

Friday, 3 October 2008, immediately following the organizational meeting of the Fifth Committee, in Conference Room 3:

Reform and management of the United Nations (by Ms. Angela Kane, Under-Secretary-General for Management);

Monday, 6 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Human Resources Management (by Ms. Catherine Pollard, Assistant Secretary-General, Human Resources Management); and

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Enterprise resource planning (ERP)/Information and communication technology (ICT) (by Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Chief Information Technology Officer, Assistant Secretary-General); and

Capital master plan (by Mr. Michael Adlerstein, Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General, CMP).

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, 6 October 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The provisional programme of work for the sixty-third session, as well as other relevant information relating to the organization of work and the status of documentation, is available on the website of the Sixth Committee and is regularly updated (<www.un.org/ga/sixth/63/63_session.shtml>). The note by the Secretariat on the Organization of Work (A/C.6/63/L.1) and the allocation of agenda items to the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/63/1) have been issued.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Please note that in the first week, the Committee will deal with agenda items 129 (Administration of justice at the United Nations); 99 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism); and 73 (Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission).

Composition of delegations

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 312th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Central African Republic configuration

The Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will hold its 2nd meeting, on Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Monday, 6 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room C.

UNITAR seminar on "Labour migration: protection, gender and development" (organized in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA, ILO and the MacArthur Foundation)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from *2.30* to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[Advance registration is required to attend the seminar. For further information please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/migdevseries.html>; or contact Ms. Victoria Rietig, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail victoriarietig@unitarny.org).]

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (monthly meeting)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (meeting to mark the sixtieth anniversary of Al-Nakba)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

African Group (Second Committee experts)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Arab Group (Second Committee experts)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Arab Group (Third Committee experts)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Arab Group (Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)) experts)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

Monday, 6 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E;

Tuesday, 7 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Wednesday, 8 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail falls@un.org).]

Forthcoming other activities

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Round table on "Regional dimension of transit transport cooperation", as part of the High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (organized by the UN-OHRLLS)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and a representative of the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations (on the "Beijing High-Level Conference on Climate Change: Technology Development and Technology Transfer" (7–8 November 2008, China))

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Friedrich Soltau, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-4337; e-mail soltau@un.org).]

Special event on the theme "Harmonious cities", in observance of World Habitat Day 2008 (organized by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

Monday, 6 October 2008, from 2.30 to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please visit the following Web site <www.unhabitat.org>.]

High-level working session entitled "Harmonious cities: Music, technology, culture and health" (organized by the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC) and co-sponsored by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[This meeting is open to members of Permanent Missions only. The media is invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UN-HABITAT New York Office (room DC2-0943; tel. 1 (212) 963-4200; e-mail habitatNY@un.org).]

Interactive discussion "Growing Together: Youth and the United Nations" (organized by the United Nations Programme on Youth, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please visit <www.un.org/youth>; or contact Ms. Julie Pewitt, UN Programme on Youth (tel. 1 (917) 367-5169; e-mail pewitt@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Peacebuilding: a role for religion" (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See)

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (tel. 1 (212) 370-7885; e-mail office@holyseemission.org).]

Training seminar on the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ann Syauta, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (tel. 1 (917) 367-3602; e-mail syauta@un.org).]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10 to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

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Summary of official meetings

Monday, 29 September 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

16th plenary meeting — *Continuation of the general debate* . . . . . [8]

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Micheál Martin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland; H.E. Mr. Sayoum Mesfin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia; H.E. Mr. Wilfred Elrington, Attorney General and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign

Trade of Belize; H.E. Mr. Ojo Maduekwe, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria; H.E. Ms. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa; H.E. Mr. Osman Mohammed Saleh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Eritrea; H.E. Mr. Leonard Edwards, Deputy Foreign Minister of Canada; H.E. Mr. Ouch Borith, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia; H.E. Mr. Roy Charderton Matos, Chairman of the Delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; H.E. Ms. Rosemary Banks, Chairperson of the Delegation of New Zealand; H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Chairman of the Delegation of Thailand; H.E. Mr. Andrei Dapkiunas, Chairman of the Delegation of Belarus; H.E. Mr. Peter Maurer, Chairman of the Delegation of Switzerland; H.E. Mr. Somduth Soborun, Chairman of the Delegation of Mauritius; H.E. Mr. Ahmed Khaleel, Chairman of the Delegation of Maldives; H.E. Mr. Abderrahim Ould Hadrami, Chairman of the Delegation of Mauritania; H.E. Mr. Atoki Ileka, Chairman of the Delegation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; H.E. Mr. Anders Lidén, Chairman of the Delegation of Sweden; and H.E Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Chairman of the Delegation of the Observer State of the Holy See.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Ethiopia and Eritrea.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 8.

Wednesday, 1 October 2008

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

1st meeting

The Chairman, H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti, declared open the 1st Guinea-Bissau country-specific meeting of the Peacebuilding Commission and made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda . . . . . [1]

The Commission had before it the provisional agenda, as contained in document PBC/3/GNB/2.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Commission adopted the agenda.

Adoption of the Strategic Framework for Peacebuilding in Guinea-Bissau (PBC/3/GNB/L.1/Rev.1) . . . . . [2]

The Chairman made a statement.

The Commission adopted the Strategic Framework for Peacebuilding in Guinea-Bissau, as contained in document PBC/3/GNB/L.1/Rev.1.

H.E. Mr. Marciano Barbeiro, Minister of Defense for Guinea-Bissau, made a statement on behalf of his Government.

Mr. Shola Omoregie, Representative of the Secretary-General in Guniea-Bissau, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Portugal, Mexico, Spain, Cape Verde, Guinea, Germany, Jamaica, Angola, Japan, Luxembourg, Canada, Egypt, El Salvador, Burkina Faso, the Czech Republic, Indonesia and Ghana; the representative of the European Community; the representatives of Chile, Benin, Senegal, Burundi, Nigeria and Niger; the representatives of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the World Bank; and also the representative of Guinea-Bissau.

H.E. Marciano Barbeiro, Minister of Defense for Guinea-Bissau, made a statement on behalf of his Government.

Other matters . . . . . [3]

No other matters were raised.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Signature: Cameroon (1 October 2008)

Ratification: Costa Rica (1 October 2008)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Signature: Cameroon (1 October 2008)

Ratification: Costa Rica (1 October 2008)[1]

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. New York, 20 December 2006

Signature: Greece (1 October 2008)

Signature: Iceland (1 October 2008)

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Aarhus, Denmark, 25 June 1998

Accession: Bosnia and Herzegovina (1 October 2008)[1]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Objection to the interpretative declaration made by Thailand upon accession: Sweden (29 September 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

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A/63/260/Add.1	Item 73 — Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/326	Item 67 (c) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/376	Item 20 — The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development — Letter dated 18 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
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A/C.5/63/L.1	Status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]
	2008 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities
A/CONF.208/2008/2/Add.1	Contributions pledged or paid at the 2007 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities as at 30 June 2008 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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S/2008/611	Letter dated 19 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/613	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2008/618	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2008/623	Letter dated 25 September 2008 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/626	Report of the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the representative of China on the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5985	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5986	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1836 (2008)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 5985th meeting, on 29 September 2008 [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1837 (2008)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 5986th meeting, on 29 September 2008 [A C E F R S]
	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006)
S/AC.50/2008/57/Add.1	Note verbale dated 11 September 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
S/AC.50/2008/61	Note verbale dated 25 September 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

Documents

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework

E/CN.18/2008/2 Item 4 of the provisional agenda — Financing for sustainable forest management: mobilizing financial resources to support the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and to promote sustainable forest management — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

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